separate State on the northern bank of Brahmaputra has been gaining momentum; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) A demand for constituting a separate administrative unit in plains tribals area on the northern bank of Brahamaputra has been going on.

(b) While reiterating that the Central Government have not been in favour of further reorganisation of Assam, the State Government have been requested to initiate a dialogue with representative bodies of plains tribals with a view to remove genuine grievances of the tribals and to took into developmental needs of the area with a sense of urgency.

Export Growth

2673. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of export growth during 1986-87 would be far less than that calculated by Government when considered in terms of depreciation in rupees value *vis-a-vis* dollar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that no appreciable break-through has been achieved in the export of traditional goods because of non-implementation of certain decisions taken by Government to promote their exports;

(c) if so, what method is adopted to work out the export growth rate of the country and what would be the actual rate of export growth by taking into account the depreciation of rupee value *vis-a-vis* dollar as against the percentage worked out by Government; and

(d) what are the decisions aimed at promoting the export of non-traditional goods which have not been implemented so far stating the reasons therefor and the steps contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir. According to the provisional data, India's exports during 1986-87 in rupee terms increased by 20.4 per cent as compared to the provisional data for 1985-86. Measured in dollar terms, the provisional figures indicate an increase of 15.3 per cent in India's exports during 1986-87 as compared to the provisional figures of 1985-86.

(b) No, Sir. Actually exports of several traditional sectors show a significant increase during 1986-87 as compared to 1985-86. Thus, Coffee (Rs. 70.60 crores), Tobacco (Rs. 18.74 crores), Cashew Kernels (Rs. 105.31 crores), Oil Meals (Rs. 63.48 crores), Spices (Rs. 13.98 crores), Marine Products (Rs. 88.82 crores), Cotton Raw (Rs. 116.02 crores), Cotton fabrics, yarn and made ups etc. (Rs. 60.52 crores), Silk fabrics (Rs. 67.63 crores), Handicrafts (Rs. 94.50 crores).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The export promotion measures pass through several stages of consideration before they are implemented. A series of decisions taken for boosting exports of all items, including non-traditional goods have been implemented and their impact is already reflected in increased exports of all commodities including the non-traditional goods during 1986-87.

Training of police personnel

2674. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any critical review of the present system of training the police personnel to know how far the qualities required are generated in the police force to make them professional and skillful to face any challenge; and

(b) if so, what are the deficiencies, if any, identified in the existing training system and what steps are contemplated by Government to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Reorganisation and improvement of the police department is a constant and on-going exercise in the administrative system of the country.

Keeping in view the need for change in the quality of police service and their talks in a developing society, the system of training of IPS officers has been reviewed and re-designed. A sandwhich pattern of the Basic Training for IPS Probationers has been introduced with effect from 1986, and their training syllabi/curricula have been re-drawn. IPS officers are also required to undergo in-service training at different stages.

In addition, basic training courses for recruit constables and Sub-Inspectors and refereshcr courses in respect of constables. Head-Constables, Assistant sub-Inspectors, Sub-Inspectors, Inspectors and dy. S.Ps. have been drawn up and circulated to State Police authorities for consideration and adoption.

Earth science studies

2675. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have chalked out any programme to set up more Earth Science Studies to assess air pollution during the next three years;

(b) if so, names of the places selected where such studies will be conducted; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

इंजीनियरी उद्योग में भारत-सोवियत सहयोग

2676. **श्री शान्ति त्यागी :** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारत और सोवियत संघ इंजीनियरी उद्योग में व्यापक सहयोग करने के लिए सहमत हो गए हैं और इस संबंध में भारतीय इंजीनियरी उद्योग महासंघ और सोवियत संघ की विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी की राज्य समिति ने एक संयुक्त कार्य दल गठित किया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है और भारत के विदेश व्यापार पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रिय रंजन दास मुंशी) : (क) और (ख) जी हां। इंजीनियरी उद्योग महासंघ तथा साइंस एवं प्रौद्योगिकी के लिए सोवियत संघ राज्य समिति द्वारा एक संयुक्त कार्यकारी दल स्थापित किया गया है। करार में इलैक्ट्रोनिक्स, बायोप्रौद्योगिकी, इंजिनों में गैस का प्रयोग आदि में सहयोग तथा संयुक्त एकक स्तर अनुसंधान एवं विकास के लिए प्रबन्ध किया गया है। तथापि, इस स्थिति में इन प्रयासों के परिमाण का पता लगाना कठिन है।

Selection of police personnel for President's Medal

2677. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what factores are taken into consideration while selecting police personnel for awarding the President's medal and other similar awards;

(b) whether these selections are made purely on the basis of the recommendations of the State Governments/Union Territories;

(c) whether any independent and dispassionate assessment is made at the level of Central Government also for these selections;